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LATER YEARS 'ADVENTURE IN LIVING' IF WE CONQUER FEAR OF AGING

Among the many suggestions made by Dr. Marion Hilliard, in a series of articles, entitled "A Woman Doctor Speaks Frankly",

is the following:

"The first human necessity for a retired person is a home to cherish. It is a bitter dose for anyone to become dependent. Many young people, moved by the violent emotion that follows a death in the family, urge the remaining parent to join their household. The older man or woman is far better off with fewer material advantages in a place where independence of behavior is possible, than in the most elegant room in a home where conformity with local rules is required.

Understand this: Aged people, most of them, are full of complaints. This is as natural a part of their psychology as arguments are to children. It's a form of attention-getting and should be treated mellowly. For many aged persons there comes a time when they must be cared for in a convalescent hospital or nursing home. Face this situation in time and with realistic insight. If nursing care and safety precautions are necessary, never hesitate to take them to an institution properly equipped to give it.

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The days and season of the Church Year are observed by many of the Church-groups in our land, and even if not observed regulary and formally, there may be need for the authentic information at times, as indicated by letters of inquiry from readers. We suggest that you "arm yourself" with a copy the Expositor

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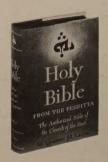
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VANITY IN CHURCH

(Taken from the files of the Melbourne, Australia, Herald for the week ended May 1, 1857.)

A correspondent writes to the Melbourne Herald of May 4, 1957, that while selecting a prayer book at the stationer's, he saw 'some prayer books having looking glasses inside the covers, no doubt that the fair owners shall be able to arrange their hair during service, and admire themselves."

Methodists in Congress

Washington, D.C.--Methodists lead all religious affiliations in the 85th Congress, with 18 Senators and 85 Representatives.

Roman Catholics are second with 11 Senators and 75 Representatives.

Others in the top six are Baptists, 14 Senators and 69 Representatives; Presbyterians, 13 and 52; Episcopalians, 12 and 45; and Congregationalists, 8 and 19.

-- March 5, 1957, Alabama Christian Adv.

HE BOOK OF 1000

C. IRVING BENSON

TONGUES

HE BOOK of a thousand tongues, the Bible, is far and away the world's best selling book. Last year more than 25 nillion copies were distributed by two of

he many Bible societies.

There are 25 Bible societies in the world, nost of which operate within their own naions, but the British, Scottish, American, lorwegian and Netherlands also distribute n other lands.

Last year, the American Society distriouted 15 million Bibles, and the British

ociety 10 million.

To read the British and Foreign Bible ociety's report is a lesson in world geograhy and a cheering record of the heroic peristency of the men who take the Bible aong the roads and rivers of the five contients and the islands of the seas.

In 1956, 11,611 Bibles were presented New Australians. In the ceremony at hich they receive Australian citizenship,

ey take solemn oaths of loyalty. These affirmations are made upon a Bile presented to them by the Bible Society, ither in the language of the country of eir origin, or in English, as they choose. The needs of the aboriginals are being ared for, and Scriptures are now availble in seven aboriginal dialects. The new estament was recently printed in Aranda. copy was presented to Albert Namatjira, e well-known Aranda artist.

The Society is now publishing Bibles 844 languages. Eight new languages ere added last year. In addition to these

ere are the translations of the other soeties.

There is an interesting story behind the blication of the New Testament into anus - one of the languages of New Guinea. The major part of the work had been com-eted by Rev. R. Goebel before the Secd World War.

Two copies of the manuscript had been de, and were about to be sent to the Bi-Society. When the island was occupied

the Japanese in 1940.

lbourne Herald, Melbourne, Australia

Six members of the Lutheran Mission were killed and the others interned. For four years the manuscripts were hidden, in a native hut, then in 1944 they were destroyed by a bomb.

When the missionaries returned in 1947, it was learned that a third copy of the manuscript had been sent to Germany before the war and this is the basis of the present-

New Testament in Manus.

My friend, Russel Abel, has now completed the translation of the New Testament begun by his father, C. W. Abel, into Daul. This language is spoken by about 12,000 people in the Suau and Milne Bay districts of Papua and in the Abau hinterland.

He was assisted by Daniela Sioni and Benoma Dagoela. Benoma's grandfather was the chief of the Suaus under the influence of James Chalmers, brought cannibalism to an end among these people.

Early last year large editions of the Arabic Bible were printed in Cairo. The staff of 24 Bible-men continued their round

of Egypt's countless villages.

In February a crowd gathered at the water-front, at Port Said to witness the dedication of the new Mary Jones-a trim launch which enabled the harbor work amongst visiting ships of all nations to be resumed.

When events took a sinister turn and President Nasser announced the nationalisation of the Suez Canal in July the Bible Society's work came under Egyptian sequestration.

Still the Egyptian staff carried on with

great devotion.

The home of the Egyptian colporteur in Port Said was destroyed and the new launch burnt. The British members of the staff were expelled. Yet 82,606 copies of the Scriptures were circulated.

BIBLE SUNDAY -- a day to give thanks-for all that the bible has meant to our race and in our lives-a day to recognise our stewardship to send out the Light to those who walk in darkness and sit in the shadow of death.

CAN THE CHURCH

DEMONSTRATE BROTHERHOOD

RICHARD L. WARREN

-- A Layman's Comments --

S the nation wrestles uneasily with problems of political equality and racial brotherhood, Christian churches should not only provide a mediating leadership but also be constantly at work demonstrating how individuals with divergent views can work together for a greater cause. Brotherhood in each church should be a REALITY.

In a superficial sense our society is hell-bent on mass producing harmony and broth erhood. Madison Avenue offices devote their energies to polishing and honing political candidates so that they will present their best loved appearance. Public Relations experts are busy presenting their clients--whether corporation or actor--as entities to be esteemed. Psychological testing firms are forever devising new questions for determining whether or not a job applicant will prove a harmonious member of the team. And report cards take careful note of whether or not Johnny is sufficiently liked by his peers.

Such developments are not without their beneficial effects. But in the individual they too often produce conformity rather than inner change. In its deepest, most religious sense the concept of brotherhood requires us to accept all people as children of God. It is in the Christian church, therefore, that we should hope to find a living example of brotherhood. It is there we should find minister and members working in unity and harmony to make manifest the Christian message. It is there we should most effectively bridge the gap created by misunderstandings and unreasonable differences.

The individual church should be deeply concerned with the calibre of its human relationships. The missionary, evangelistic quest of the church should not absorb so much attention of the members and the minister that a sensitivity to personal relationships within the church is lost. Too many churches have shown no great facility for Indian Springs School, Helena, Alabama

dissolving personal animosities and misunderstandings. Too many congregations do not invest sufficient efforts in the job of keeping human relationships at a high level. Yet the program of the church becomes vital only when the members and the minister know how to master their differences.

Among human institutions nothing is more tragic than a church whose spiritual and human affairs are bogged down in a mire of discord and misunderstanding. The tragedy lies in the fact that the fulfillment of Christ's mission is difficult enough without the church itself compounding the difficulty. Nothing is more important to the religious life of this nation than churches whose members and ministers are working together with full confidence in the contribution each can make to the life of the church.

The ecumenical movement bears witness to the presence in man of a deep-seated, but too often frustrated desire to work in harmony and unity with his brother. It is evidence that with patience and understanding Christian groups can affect a working relationship which will contribute positively to building the universal church of Christ For the layman, as well as the minister this movement should serve as a vivid reminder that what is possible at the national and international level should be a living fact within a single church.

Yet unity within a church is not always easily achieved. Countless problems arise, countless questions are raised daily which affect the caliber of human relationships in any church. In any institution the voice of discord can be a healthy ingredient. Indeed, dissent, differences of opinions, clashes over seemingly fundamental principles are necessary to dynamic growth. But no church can successfully fulfill its Christian mission when God's purpose is scarred and warped by misunderstandings and petty differences. Injurious enough are personal clashes among the members. When the minister is the focus of antagonism, the foundations of the church begin to shake. vision of God's will is under the circum-

tances too quickly lost.

There are few churches which have not een confronted at one time or another by ne uncomfortable, tense atmosphere which ttends a breakdown in human relations. 'he effectiveness of the church programsomehow suffers, even though the harmful ffects are not immediately obvious. The ormal and necessary flow of spiritual istenance among the members and the minter is constricted. The warm, generous huan relationships which feed on a unified pirit in the church lose their vitality. The circumstances which cause misunderandings in the church are often hard to edict. The commitment of each member the fulfillment of the teachings of Jesus a leavening force which infuses normalman relationships with Christian love. ut imperfect man moves slowly in his efrt to mould himself in the image of his ternal Father. Consequently, misunderandings spring from man's inability to easure up.

An examination of church problems in uman relationships reveals that another cause is to be found in the inability of memers to communicate successfully with each other and with the minister. We can ever be assured that our ideas and opinous will be understood. Each individual ends to extract from what he hears that thich conforms to his particular interests and prejudices. One might hope that within the church lines of communication would emain relatively clear but such is not al-

ays true.

Protestants should be particularly adept to working out their problems in an effective anner; they should be able to shoulder as adividuals the responsibilities which a demoratic society lays upon them. The American culture challenges the individual to ake himself heard forcefully in any group, eeking to realize certain objectives. Juxely to this challenge is the requirement at the individual be able to accept without malice and offense constructive critism of his own position or performance. It this applies, of course, equally to americanic organization within a church.

But we, as Protestants and as Americans, ust admit that in this respect we do not always measure up to the demands of democacy. We are at times too thin-skinned and ften assume that an attack on our ideas an attack on our persons. Or we become o emotionally involved in our own opinions nat we find it hard to retire gracefully from viewpoint even when it obviously becomes ntenable. Too often the search for a real-zation of God's purpose in this world as-

sumes a secondary role in the church to the drive of the individual for personal security.

That the role of the minister in the church is of crucial importance is self-evident. The success of his work depends to a considerable degree on the impact he makes on the members. Through his personal relationships with the members, he provides an important bridge to a fuller understanding of God's will. And in Christ's relationship. with His disciples, is revealed the Divine example of that bridge at work. Christ exerted an influence which penetrated to the soul and fed that God-given yearning of man to seek eternal truths. Christ also passed judgment on His disciples, not infrequently in a stern, uncompromising manner; through that judgment they were able to progresstoward a fuller sense of God's will.

But twentieth century man in America cannot be dealt with in altogether the same manner. In the first place, both minister and member are seeking the same goals, not as teacher and disciple but as partners engaged in a divine mission. Furthermore, they are seeking these goals in a century, characterized by an egalitarian ideal, by the primacy of the belief that all men have equal worth and dignity before God. In consequence, within the church the act of judgment, minister of member, and member of minister, must be submerged in the deep concern of both for the judgment of God.

Yet man too often persists in taking the measure of his brother according to his own finite, ego-centered standards. A prayerful search for divine guidance in one's relationships with others is frequently neglected. In the midst of the struggle to live in harmony with God's laws, man must work to live in harmony with his contemporaries.

In this respect the minister has a special opportunity. His position in the church demands of him a deep, searching interest in his members as individuals. With few exceptions he is not only welcome, but is sought after by his members in their need for guidance in working out personal problems. The average member understands and appreciates this aspect of the minister'sresponsibilities. Thus, one of the first and most basic demands of effective counseling from a psychological standpoint is fulfilled namely, that the active member as a Christian recognizes his imperfections, accepts and desires guidance in coping with them. And the less humble the minister is still in a position to seek out and help.

Of greater complexity is the problem of how the member, in a spirit of humility, can help the minister. At the center of the life of the church the minister is the object of close and critical attention by the members. As he reacts to them, so they react to him. Singly and in groups they react, and their

reactions become their judgments.

How such reactions can flow back to the minister is a perplexing problem, but one no church can afford to ignore. The history of disruptions in human relationships within the church, particularly between member and minister, is a history of dammed-up feelings which are not siphoned off until it is too late.

In a typical Protestant Church one might expect that the church officers would provide the avenue through which members could speak to the minister about the minister. Because the primary responsibility for the religious life of the church is lodged in this group, it necessarily acts in many ways to bring the minister and the congregation closer together. And certainly officers of other groups and committees are in position to bring to the minister a considered estimate of the attitudes and reactions to his work.

But only in rare instances are such officers able to act effectively in carrying out this responsibility. The key factor which prevents effective action is the failure by minister and member to accept this as one of their primary responsibilities. Given the most ideal relationships between, let us say the Chairman of the Board of Deacons and the minister, there would exist a natural hesitancy on the part of the former to seek out the minister for the sole purpose of evaluating his performance. It simply isn't an easy thing to do.

Yet, IT MUST BE DONE, and should be done frequently, for the urge and need to be heard is basic in all of us. Furthermore, knowledge that one's opinions are being carried to the source provoking them, directly or indirectly, is a fundamental step in the harmonious reconciliation of such opinions with those of an opposite nature. The minister who has assurance that he is fully aware of the impact he is making onthe members is a minister able to shoulder confidently the divinely-inspired responsibilities of his position.

Precisely how the church organization can provide for such assurance is a matter of personal choice. Logically the minister should assume the initiative in making known his willingness and desire to cooperate in such a venture. Logically, too, he should select those members with whom he feels he can most successfully accomplish such objectives. It could be assumed that this choice or choices would be members not only in good standing but individuals having the confidence and support of the congregation at large. The mem-

ACTIVITY AND INFLOW

HE road to hell may be paved with good works. Busyness in noble causes does not carry a guarantee of salvation. To those who were sure of their own righteousness, Jesus said bluntly: "I never knew you! Go away from me, you who do wrong!" A woman of distinction once consulted the Abbe Huvelin about her spiritual health, and received this advice: "Madam, I beseech you to mistrust your zeal for doing good to other people." Martin Luther once said that he feared good works more than his sins.

A special danger comes to men and women who carry the burden of church activities; a subtle temptation to substitute the outward, for the inward, to value activity and to neglect interior replenishing. For every Christian who prays too much there are ten thousand who pray too little. And the rejoinder is not convincing that one can pray in the midst of activity. Of course, we can and we should. But these fragments of prayer are no adequate substitute for unhurried and reverent adoration, for leisurely reflection upon the GOODNESS and HOLINESS of GOD and praise to HIM for COUNTLESS BLESSINGS received, for sustained selfexamination under DIVINE EYES, for vivid AWARENESS of the contrast between present spiritual condition and the future possibility of growth, for the cry of confession and the appeal to be FORGIVEN, for fresh commitment to the doing of

GOD'S WILL,

for fervent intercession in behalf of loved ones and those in special need and those who carry the burden of public office, for the quiet and intent listening to the still small voice, and for the sheer exaltation of an unbroken experience of the

PRESENCE OF GOD!

Being is prior to doing! Overflow nourishes the GOOD LIFE!

-- Kirby Page, in "Living With Peace of Mind"

Editorial Comment

ELPING MISSIONS IS CALLED WAY
O CUT DOWN MILITARY COSTS

OUIS H. EVANS

ANY Americans are "Hopelessly in debt because they have lost the sense of value of the human soul," said Dr. Louis H. Evans, at a Laymen's Day conference, ander the auspices of the Buffalo-Niagara Presbytery Council of the National Council of Presbyterian Men. He declared that America "spent more in research for keeping cool the cockpit of a jet plane than everyoody in the country gave to missions last rear."

Systematic Giving Urged

"If you don't give to missions, you will have to give to the military. A missionary sent to change Japan's thinking cost \$5000. But it cost \$50,000 to send each Marine."

"A Bible will cost you \$1 now. A little comb will cost \$10,000. You do it God's way or man's way. That command of Christ: Go ye into all the world and preach the Jospel' is the surest, most economical hing we can do." said Dr. Evans.

Quoting another Bible text, "No man

Quoting another Bible text, "No man said what he had was his own—it belonged o God," and the speaker urged Christians everywhere to "give by system instead of

y spasm."

Must Decide Aims First

"God judges us not so much by what we give as by what we keep for ourselves. When you tithe, you keep nine-tenths for yourself. The widow with two pennies gave all as she leads the list."

all -- she leads the list."

"People should have two columns in the amily budget, the one entitled, 'What are the living for?' and the other, 'What are the spending for?' "said Dr. Evans.

"You can't decide about the second colmn until you've made up the first," he exlained. "Unless a spiritual people guides be spending of money, your home can break of on the rocks of finance and argument. wer many a broken home you could write tese words: 'Until debt do us part'.'

inister -at-large for the Presbyterian Board ational Missions and summer supply at the ational Presbyterian Church, Washington, "Christ's Program"

Dr. Evans and Dr. Edward A. Morris, assistant to the secretary of the Presbyterian General Council, alternated in speaking at simultaneous conferences in Buffalo and Hamburg for members of 47 churches.

Speaking in Hamburg Presbyterian Church Dr. Morris said that "a lot of people feel that Christianity is a kind of movement-good for society and good to protect proper-

ty values."

"A Christian is one who believes in Jesus Christ and tries to live as Christ would have him live," Dr. Morris declared. "It makes all the difference whether one is simply endorsing a movement or is committed to a Person and His way of life."

To carry out Christ's program, he urged habitual and regular "worship and planning to promote evangelism, teaching, stewardship, social education and action, and other

phases of church work. "

U.S. SHOULD MOVE CAPITAL WEST, SAYS ARCHITECT WRIGHT

Frank Lloyd Wright believes Washington has a "museum" value but is no place in

which to run a government.

The 88-year old architect, here to lecture before the Institute of Contemporary Arts, told reporters he feels the capital "has some significance of historical nature for tenderminded Americans,"

"Because of that sentimental feeling, we should beautify it and preserve it," he said. "But it is not appropriate as a place to do

the nation's business."

Wright said the seat of the government should be moved to "somewhere near Colorado Springs" and a new capital built so that traffic and other problems could beattacked from scratch. He stoutly opposed proposals to alter the present Capitol by extending the front of the building to match the House and Senate wings.

"It would be absolutely profane," he said. "I respect it for what it is. I'd pre-

serve it." --Exchange.

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WORLD BANK HEAD CALLS FOR REVISED VIEW OF BUSINESS

The president of the World Bank is reported to have said on October 14, 1957, San Francisco, "that changes in attitudes toward private enterprise are vital to in-

dustrial development."

"It will take time to spread understanding of the contributions which the efficiency of private business can make to the whole economy," said Eugene R.Black, head of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

In his keynote speech at the 61-nation International Industrial Development Conference, which was called to study ways of improving the economy of the Free World, Mr. Black recommended that:

MI. Drack recommended that

*Governments reconsider their policies re-

garding state ownership.

*More careful discrimination be made between patriotism and that kind of nationalism which finds its chief expression in hatred of the foreigner.

".... Private businessmen will not risk their skills and capital where they have any reason to fear that their property may be expropriated by the state, or that state enterprise will invade their fields of production," explained Mr. Black.

"Domestic investors may continue to function because they have no alternative, but foreign investors certainly will retreat."

As for nationalism, Mr. Black said there is vast difference between patriotism and foreign-hating nationalism, adding: "Patriotism connotes confidence; ultra-nationalism connotes fear patriotism can play an important part," he continued, "in creating the right atmosphere for rapid economic growth. Ultra-nationalism has precisely the opposite effect because of its prejudice against the outsider."

"When, in the name of nationalism, whole areas of economic activity are paralyzed in order to keep the foreigner out, I wonder

who is served." -Exchange

Pastors and preachers everywhere should make this fact clear to the people whom they serve. Spreading batred and distrust of other nations, who might be able and willing to make large investiments in establishing industries in undeveloped lands, and thus provide jobs and living for many of the people, now depending on shrinking resources or upon foreign aid, aid from the proples whom they are taught to bate, mistrust, and malign.—Editor.

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A YARDSTICK FOR LIFE

VERY mortal who has ever lived in this world came from the unknown and has or will depart thither. While we cross the gap between what was and what is yet to be we are blessed with consciousness. In terms of human comprehension before and after that all is blank. Our lives are like suspension bridges hanging between the past and the future. Without this support from past and future they would fall into a meaningless abyss.

We are the fruit of a long heritage, running back to the first man and from him to

the God who created him.

Whatsoever we are and have we owe to God who created the heavens and the earth, and to our ancesters who worked and wrought material and spiritual things therein. We make our contribution and look forward to future fulfillment. Already we have many unseen ties to the invisible and unknowable eternity which lies ahead. Most of us have loved ones there beckoning us onward with ties that earthly vicissitudes cannot break. The joys we experience in this life have their roots in the past and are made dynamic by the future.

It would scarcely be worth the lifetime effort required to subdue the old man Adam, to conquer oneself, only to become nothing when we reach the end of life. Joy enters the process when we realize that we are building for eternity. Character would not be so important if it were to last only during this life, but when we conceive of it as immortal it acquires a priceless value. We can afford to be infinitely patient and to strive mightily to conquer a bad habit, if we know we are to enjoy the benefits resulting therefrom throughout all time to come. Linked with the eternal, the tribulations of this life do not overwhelm us for we know they are of short duration and that better days full of more meaning and happiness lie ahead. True joy and real satisfaction have a divine source and goal.

The meaning of what we do in time can be measured only in terms of eternity.

Our lives acquire meaning, purpose, joy and significance almost in direct proportion to the clearness with which we envisage our immortality. If we are acting with an expectancy of only a few years what we do is of little importance, but when we become keenly aware of the fact that we are immortal creatures, building for eternity, every thought, word and deed acquires enormous significance. I lost a tooth not long ago and was comforted by the fact that I would not need it so many more years. If I had lost a spiritual tooth I would have been very sad,

(See page 246)

THE CHURCH AT WORK



MOTHER OF 14 DECLARES NEED FOR DISCIPLINE IS INCREASING

"AUTHORITY and discipline are needed more than ever in today's modern homes,"

Mrs. Joy Seth Hurd believes.

Mrs. Hurd's opinion should carry weight for she is the mother of 14, and grandmotherof 47 children. She was chosen as the "Catholic Mother of the United States" in 1946 by the National Catholic Conference on Family

Mrs. Hurd, who is the wife of an Appellate Judge, told the Westlake Pre-school parent-Teacher Association that development of a child's character should be started in the

cradle.

"Don't spoil the child at home, then hand him over to a teacher to train," she said, stressing that a 7-year-old should have had

thorough character training.

"Parents must assert themselves as authorities and discipline their children," she continued. "I'm an old-fashioned mother. I believe in corporal punishment. Besides spankings, a child can understand even a decisive intonation of the voice.

"Get your idea across, not by saying ever so sweetly, 'Please don't touch that, dear,' but by asserting yourself and saying, 'Stop that; don't touch it.' They'll get the point."

Mrs. Hurd scoffed at the fear of parents that they may lose the respect of children,

by punishing them.
"You can't have love without respect," she asserted, "and they must obey and respect you from the cradle on. And while the child is in the cradle, parents must keep their hands off him."

"A baby needs to be left alone, not picked up every time he moves. If he is warm, welled and dry, that is all the care he requires."

LIFE FILMSTRIPS, Fall 1957

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STATION WAGON CHAPEL IS AID TO STATE CONVICT ROAD FORCE, CAMP No. 17, VIRGINIA

A late-model station wagon turned off U. S. Route 360 near Warsaw, Va., early this summer and headed down a shady country road.

After traveling a short distance, it pulled up in front of a group of rambling white frame buildings. It was the first visit of the Interdenominational Religious Work Foundation's new station wagon chapel to State Convict Road Force Camp No. 17.

The Rev. Raymond W. Gamble, in charge. of the new ministry, said "the inmates gave the mobile chapel an excellent reception. Many said they had looked forward to our arrival ever since they heard we were com-

The station wagon's arrival meant the inmates would have an opportunity to seereligious films, to read books from the vehicle's library and to participate in worship services. -- War Cry, Oct. 2, 1957.

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will receive the usual prompt attention. You will want these items for the Group work in your Sunday School program.

NEW STAMP TO HONOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE UNITED STATES

Postmaster Gen. Summerfield announced plans for a commemorative stamp honoring-RELIGIOUS FREEDOM in AMERICA and the FLUSHING REMONSTRANCE of 1657.

The 3-cent stamp will have first sale at Flushing, L. I., post office Dec. 27. This will be the 300th anniversary of the signing of the remonstrance, a protest by Flushing citizens against a law put into effect by Gov. Peter Stuyvesant regarded as violating the principles of religious freedom.

CHURCHES' PLEA TO BAR LOYALTY OATH TO BE HEARD

The Supreme Court agreed Monday, Oct. 1, 1957, to review the constitutionality of a California law requiring churches to certify that they will not overthrow the Government, according to INS, Washington, D.C.

The oath to that effect must be taken, before a church can receive its tradition-

al exemption from taxes.

The regulation was taken before the high court by the First Unitarian Church, Los Angeles and the Peoples Church of San Fernando Valley Inc.

The First Methodist Church of San Leandro and the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley joined in similar suits not affected by

today's brief order.

All contended the regulation violates constitutional guarantees of freedom of religion.

Every minister and every Church Board in the USA should be interested in this matter, even

the simple announcement of October 21, 1957 seemingly relates to several church groups only, and in one state.

GOALS FOR 1958

1. Community co-operation.

2. 500 new members in the Church.

- 3. Sunday School with specific goal of attendance.
- 4. Prayer meeting with major attendance.
- 5. Overflow Church attendance each service on Sundays for 1958.
- 6. Everybody Boosting for our town or city and giving their best.
- 7. Every man, woman and child giving to a chosen project every Sunday.
- 8. A new spirit of Loyalty to our Church, village, and country!
- 9. More and better work and achievement among our young people.
- 10. More welcome to strangers who attend our Church and Community projects.

RESEARCH GROUP for EUROPEAN MIGRA-TION PROBLEMS. Vol.5, No.1, Jan.-Mar. 57 Editor G. Beijer: 17 Pauwenlaan, The Hague, Netherlands. Subscription price is \$1.50 a yr.

The 52-page Bulletin, Translated from the Dutch by R. Wentholt, M.A., Wellington, New Zealand, should provide much helpful information Missionary groups in our churches.

CHRIST AND OUR HUMAN FEARS

A series of Sermons on this topic, by the Rev. E. Marcellus Nesbitt, D.D., pastor of First United Presbyterian Church, Beaver, Pennsylvania, may be ordered by writing to Dr. Nesbitt at the agove address, for the price of the 42-page booklet, containing sermons on human fears:

- 1. Fear of Physical Injury. Matt. 10:31
- 2. Fear of Being Inadequate. Luke 5:10
- 3. Fear of Believing Too Much. Luke 12:32 4. Fear In Sickness. Luke 8:50
- 5. Fear of Truth's Eclipse. Matt. 10:26
- 6. Fear of War. John 12:15 (Palm Sunday)
- 7. Fear of Death. Matt. 10:28 (Easter)

Thanks giving Prayer

How shall I thank thee, Lord, For myriad gifts unknown. When I so callously Ignore those plainly shown?

How shall I learn to pray Amid the day's swift pace, If at the curfew hour I never seek thy face?

How can I pray like Paul Of old--"unceasingly", When these few words are all I've said in weeks to thee?

Place in my heart, Oh Lord, A glad thanksgiving song; Then shall my soul's refrain Be prayer the whole day long. -By Truman Hollis Woodward.

A THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Pat McCormick, the late vicar of St. Martins, chosen to carry on the work of Dick Shepard, and described in "A Man's Life," R. J. Northcott, Longman's Green, has the following request in relation to his passing, and a Thanksgiving Service:

"I desire to add to Clause 4 my wishes which I hope will be carried out. If I die while Vicar of St. Martin's, I... should like a service to be held at St. Martin's any day

and suggest the following hymns-

"Jesus lives. . . "

"Jesus Lover of my soul"

"Ye watchers and ye holy ones. . ."

"The church may be decorated with flowers, but no wreathes or crosses, so that they can be given to the hospitals. I hope that no address will be given, but that the service may have the chief note of thanksgiving, which may be suitable for two reasons: 1. Those who may wish to thank God for anything He has done through me. 2. Those who wish to thank God for my passing because they think I have let them, or St. Martin's down ...

"If possible I should like a special thanksgiving put in the service for all those whohave helped me to carry on this work through thick and thin, whether in agreement or disagreement for Christ and St. Martin's sake."

The Sunday Dispatch published the following statement about death, as offered by Pat McCormick:

"It has been truly said that 'death is but a bend in the road of life!' Death is the gateway to a new life, not to age-long sleep, -and though our bodies may be laid in a grave, we ourselves-our personalities -- enter a newkind of life. One of the reasons why I hope, when I die my body will be cremated, is because sometimes relatives and friends, and especially children, who are too often allowed to go to the graveside, are apt to think that those who are buried are actually in the grave; they go like Mary and Martha to weep at the grave, but do not see Jesus standing outside and saying: 'He that believeth on me shall never die.' My body may be ashes-our bodies will all come to

dust-but I, we, our personalities, will en-

ter into a new life....
"When my sister was about to follow to future life her twin sister who had passed on only a year before, I felt an almost overwhelming desire to ask her to give my love to her twin. It certainly did not seem in any way incongruous; perhaps she was there with us in the room-I don't know; but I am sure that at times the veil is very thin between this world and the next!"

(Reprinted by request from Page 561, November, 1941, issue of The Expositor.)

UNCONVERTED CHRISTIANS

F COURSE, there are no unconverted Christians, no more than there are good sinners or healthy sick people. The two terms are mutually exclusive. The unconverted cannot possibly be Christians, nor can true Christians ever be unconverted. Nevertheless, the expression "Unconverted Christians" has validity when used to refer to the large number of people that maintain a nominal church membership without ever coming to a real personal surrender to Christ. And where is the large congregation that has not such peripheral memhers in super abundance? The several -hundred communicants that come to church only when reminded to do so by a personal pastoral or deacons visit, and then comesonly once or twice; the large group that never communes until the church sends them a delinquent notice; the host that consistantly refuse to support the Lord's Kingdom financially. These are the "Uncon-verted Christians" that use up the pastor's time in making fruitless call; they callously create the costly program of delinquent visitation for the Board of Deacons; they shamelessly expect the faithful, dedicated, few to subsidize their membership. Like parasites, they hitch a free ride. Endlessly we pray for them; tirelessly the faithful labor in their behalf. Yet, year after year, we seek for fruit only to be turned away by trees that have abundant, luxurious foliage, but NO FRUITS.

It is the never ending duty of the church to make Christians out of the members through the faithful use of the Means of Grace. If our efforts and prayers fail they will be lost ---. However, if we give up our labors in their behalf, we shall thereby be denying our faith in the power of the Means of Grace, in the efficacy of prayer, and, most significant of all, we should become guilty of their loss.

It would appear to the keen observer that ---- may have many "Unconverted-Christians." These people burden our

hearts. In their behalf, let us begin a campaign of uninterrupted prayer. Let us overwhelm the Throne of Grace with an avalanche of intersession and of solicitous-Christian concern in their behalf. If they must remain unconverted let not eternity say that we neglected the use of the Means of Grace in their behalf to halt their loss. Let us speak to them at every opportunity. Let us call on them in their homes. Let them see that our love for them will not permit us to rest. Surely, Heaven will not withhold its blessing if we so seek them -- R. W. L. in Christ's name. Redeemer Record. St. Paul, Minn.

TOMORROW NEVER COMES

ODAY is HERE! I will start with a smile, and resolve to be agreeable. I will not criticize. I refuse to waste my valuable time.

Today has one thing in which I know I am equal with others - TIME! All of us do draw the same salary in seconds, minutes,

Today I will not waste my time, because the minutes I wasted yesterday are as lost as a vanished thought.

Today I refuse to spend time worrying about what might happen. I am going to spend my time MAKING things happen!

Today I am determined to study to improve myself, for tomorrow I may be wanted

and I must not be found lacking.

Today I will act toward other people as though this might be my last day on earth. I will not wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes.

-- The York Trade Compositor

TREAT HOODLUMS AS MENTAL CASES

HE editor of the weekly newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y. believes the juvenile hoodlums who wreck schools and other public buildings should be sent to institutions for the criminally insane.

The Rev. William P. Solleder, in his column of private opinion in the current issue of Union & Echo, wrote that boys guilty of vicous assault and murder, "plus the boys that make shambles of schools and other public buildings, are all mental cases and should be committed, not to reform schools, where they contaminate other boys, but strictly to institutions for the criminally insane."

Rev. Solleder pointed out that parentsknow how their children are living and if

they show repeated criminality.

"Parents know enough about life and people to understand that there is something wrong with teen-agers who do such things,

and that there is an obligation to do something about," adding:

"Why wait until murder has been committed, and they (parents) cry out in court: 'Can't they see that he is sick'?''

-- Buffalo Evening News

An I-page leaflet, sent to The Expositor by Rev. T. N. Tiemeyer, St. Marks' Church, New Albany, Indiana, entitled "Grace Be-fore Meals" may be of help to many readers who wish to encourage family prayers, especially where there are small children. There is no price given on the leaflet, but we wuggest you use the above address, inclosing a stamped return envelope, for information about the leaflet.

Manager: "So you must have a job?"

Applicant: "Yes, Sir. I need new clothes and I want a car."

Manager: "Go get the broom and dust mop to clean the front office. You wont need -new clothes for that, nor a car."

Applicant: "But, Sir, I'm a college grad-

uate. I have a degree."

Manager: "All right, I'll show you how to find the broom and use it, as soon as I get through with our plans for next month set up by our Boss, and myself: we're just 6th graders.

Definition of a hobby: An interesting occupation that would be bard work if you had to do it. -York Trade Compositor.

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SERMONS



DONALD E. WAGNER

RAYER

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we are gathed here this morning for a Laymen's ervice, dedicated to the worship and glorication of Thy Holy Name. You have told se "Where two or three are gathered toether in my name, there am I in the midst them." We earnestly pray that you are in midst today, to guide our hearts and in minds and especially to bring forth rough the speaker's lips only that which is pleasing to Thee. We thank Thee for the full cup of blessings you have be-

resident of Church Council nmanual Luthern Church ast Aurora, New York

CHRISTIAN ZEAL

A LAYMAN SPEAKS

EAR fellow members and friends of this Christ dedicated congregation: It is certainly a great privilege and high honor for me to have the opportunity to speak to you this morning in the absence of our Pastor. Pastor Neeb (Rev. Victor H. Neeb) will shortly be leaving Texas on his homeward journey. Please remember him and his family in prayer, that they may have a safe trip back home to us. In a recent letter from him, he wished to be remembered to all of you, and said he was remembering us in prayer in our efforts in the KINGDOM work. When the Pastor and officers of the church asked me to speak to you on this Laymen's Sunday morning, they gave me the privilege of choosing my own topic. I was puzzled about this for a time, but God answered my prayer for guidance in a most dramatic way. I feel I was directed to choose from the first Letter of John, Chapter One, Verses 15 to 17. I will read them to you at this

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides for

Throughout this Epistle, John insists that genuine knowledge of God MUST result in a CHANGE in us, a change that includes our manner of living. It is this

CHANGE that I would like to talk with you about this morning. First, let me repeat the last part of Verse 17: "He who does the will of God abides forever." I believe the will of God can be stated in very simple language. It would say to us, "We must dedicate our lives to Him." To do this, and yet live in this world is, in deed, a difficult task, -yet, it is not an impossible one. We have only to remember that with God's belp, NOTHING is IMPOSSIBLE! But, we must be ready to do HIS WILL, and call on Him for His help and

guidance.

God has granted us a certain length of time on this earth. He has granted us the use of certain talents during our earthly life and he has permitted us the use of our worldly treasures. All of God's gifts to us can be classified in these three categories--- the gift of TIME, the gift of our TALENTS, and the gift of TREASURE! The Bible says, that someday we must account to God for the manner in which we made use of these gifts and that we must be prepared for this accounting at any time. Can any of us state surely the length of time we have left on earth? If we were to depart this life tomorrow? would we be ready to account for our use of these God granted gifts? And most important -- could we account for their use as He intended them to be used?

Let's turn to the Bible for further enlightenment in this matter. First, in the

(Prayer, continued from page 239)

stowed on us as a congregation. We have seen demonstrated the power of prayer in your guidance of us in so many, many ways. We are truly thankful and ask Thy continued blessings on our undertakings in the coming years. Help us, Oh Lord, to avoid error that all things we do and say may be only for the furtherance of Thy Kingdom on earth. We recognize our failings and earnestly pray for Thy help to overcome them. We know not the hour of our departure from this life -- nor the time of your return to our midst. We pray for Thy help that we may be prepared in all ways to answer to Thee for the manner in which we have used the gifts you have given to us. The gifts of our Time - our Talents and our Treasures, for which we must some day give account to Thee. Fill our hearts and minds with zeal, so we may show unto Thee Christianity in action.

Through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and the only hope of the world, we humbly pray -- Amen. -- Donald E. Wagner.

Laymen's Service, October 20, 1957.

book of Acts, Chapter I, verse 11, we read "This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven." So you see, He most surely will return to us. Next, I refer you to the book of Matthew, Chapter 24, verse 44, where we read: "Therefore you must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." In this verse we are told we must be ready--- at any time! Then I will read for you the 10th verse of Chapter 5, from 2 Corinthians as follows: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body." This makes it definite that we most surely will be judged and must account for our lives to Christ. If we put these three verses together they tell us that Christ will judge us, in accounting for our lives. Are we ready NOW? TODAY? We may have some past experiences in the use of these gifts and the conduct of our lives which are not pleasing to Christ. But it is most certainly not too late! If we have completely accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, if we truly repent of our sins and the misuse of these gifts, and if we begin now-today -- to change our lives and use these gifts as Christ directs, we have nothing to fear. This is the assurance He gives us in so many verses in the Bible. Let us then examine our lives, and examine these things more closely to see what the Bible directs us to do.

What better way to use our TIME than in the work of the Church-the work of Christ's Kingdom on earth! I should like to recall a few examples. How can any of us forget our "Preaching - Teaching - Reaching Mission" as we extended the hand of Christian fellowship to unchurched souls in this area. A work that all who took part in will recall with great satisfaction of what we accomplished for Him! What wonderful results we all witnessed in our Venture of Faith Program of last year, as we reminded our fellow Christians of their financial obligations to further the Lord's work at home, and abroad. How can one forget our Sharing Christ Program during the past Lenten season and the thrill it was to see so many folks at our evening and other special services as they heard once again the story of Christ's sacrifice for us. The fruits of these labors will live long in our hearts. What can any of us recall with as much satisfaction of accomplishment in worldly efforts? There are so many ways to use and apportion our time properly, to use this great gift as God has admonished us.

Next, let us think for a moment about

account for the manner in which we used account for the manner in which we used seese precious gifts. What of LASTING little have we been able to accomplish with the TALENTS God has given you and to USE? You who can sing, have you llunteered to raise that God-given Talent the ministry of music? What an inspiration to all who hear the voices of a choir fised in the praises of a beautiful and initing hymn. Our choir director and his one group are anxious and waiting to help but develop this talent even further. Our minday School Superintendent stands ready help you develop was talent as a second account of the second account of the

ou develop this talent even further. Our help you develop your talent as a teachin this most important work. What a wonrrful way to use this talent-to bring Christ the members of our church school, and escially to the little ones. The use of talent this direction can be the guide for these illdren for the rest of their lives. We have veral women's organizations, anxiously niting for the women of our church to lend eeir talents to their efforts, as they are about the Father's business." The presient of the Women's Missionary League, e president of the Ladies' Aid need your elp and will welcome you. We need the llent of many more men, as we plan the bork of our church in the Voters Assembly. few weeks ago just 20 men of our congreation attended the meeting at which our nancial, committee presented the next ear's budget. I was somewhat pleased to ee a group of this size, until I realized that a small percentage of the available annower they were. Am I wrong in thinkg an important work like this should have tracted every male member of our church? e must not forget the important work of aining our teen-agers in the organization our own Walther League. If you are conerned about directing the efforts of our bung men and women in the right paths, en you should be using your talents to evelop this program. These are but a few f the many opportunities we must be acve in. When we appear before the judgent throne of Christ, will we be able to count, in full, for the way in which we sed the precious gift of our talents? Be are you have used all of your talents, and sed them in the BEST POSSIBLE WAYfor the furtherance of His Kingdom on arth!

A great portion of our time and talent is sed in pursuit of gainful occupation. For hours a day, we use our talents in our ccupation. For this we are rewarded in REASURES. Can we clearly account to od for the way you use these treasures? o you faithfully remember to follow His rection and set aside your first-fruits.

the TITHE or 10% for His work? The 27th Chapter of Leviticus, Verse 30, reads: -"All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's, it is holy unto the Lord." The Bible says you cannot rightly use -that tenth of your treasure for any purpose other than the Lord's work. Many members of our congregation are using the method of proportionate giving as a result of last year's "Venture of Faith" Program. Several have told us that God's promise to those who tithe has certainly proven true to them in many wonderful ways. If you are not yet tithing of your treasures, I urge you to follow this plan. In a few weeks we shall undertake our Venture of Faith for the approaching Church year. We need Christian workers to present that program. Members willing to give of their time, their talents and their treasures, in this important part of our Christian life. Our Finance Committee Co-Chairmen who will lead us in this work await your help.

My good friends: Permit me to summarize this message about our Christian Zeal in this way. We have witnessed the dedicated efforts of a number of our members, in the devotion of their time-their talents- and their treasure to the Lord's work. These are members on whom Christ depends to maintain and further His earthly Kingdom. It is our duty to number ourselves in that group. Remember -- Christ can speak and act only through His workers on earth, He was on earth but a short period of time. He gave His life so that you and I might be saved. He has only you and me through whom to work -- and He depends on us fully. You may try to relieve your conscience, temporarily, with excuses, but God knows our talents. He knows how we spend our time and He has full knowledge of our treasure. He has accounted to us, in full, of His life in the verses of the Bible. He will expect us to be able to account to Him for our lives. Be ready, NOW -- today! ASK for His help to guide your life. Then follow His direction. Read the Bible to determine how you can measure the only true success in life for you!

Our faith in Him, and the use of His gifts to us, will prepare us for eternal life. Amen.

Let Us Lift Voice

The appointed day for thanks has come again, Let us lift voice in unison far more
Than as a nation we have done before,
Not only for the harvest gathered in,
But for the stricken ones who fight to win
A victory over evil and despair.

—Grace Noal Crowell.

ATTITUDES TOWARD

FREDERICK A. ROBLEE

TEXT: "And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one Shepherd." John 10:16

N MANY WAYS Jesus amazed His contemporaries. He was like other men, yet, He was also very different. Among the differences, probably nothing stood out more sharply than did His great concern for others -- all others.

He was concerned for His fellow-countrymen, but unlike other teachers of the day, He mingled freely with all types of Jews. To the amazement and consternation of the Pharisees He associated with the tax collectors and sinners. The tax collectors were Jews who did the bidding of the hated Romans. They, therefore, were quislings and greatly disliked by the Pharisees. Those designated as sinners included both the immoral and those who failed to live up to the teachings of the Pharisees concerning all the observances of the Mosaic Law, On either count they were very unacceptable to the pious Jews. Yet Jesus was so concerned for the tax collectors and sinners that He mingled freely with them. And He explained why He did this in His parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin. It was not enough for the Shepherd to know thatthere were ninety-nine sheep safe and secure. If there were only one missing, in love He must go in search of that one. Such was the amazing teaching and still more amazing practice of Jesus.

Jesus was concerned for His fellow-countrymen, but He was also concerned for non-Jews of all types. There was, for example, a certain sinful Samaritan woman that Jesus met at a well. He was concerned for her and her neighbors. On another occasion, a Roman centurion came to Him and asked Him to help his sick servant. Jesus responded and praised the Roman for his faith. On these and other occasions the nationalistically minded Jews were offended by His attitude but Jesus quietly but firmly insisted that the Good Shepherd has other sheep beyond the Jewish fold.

Now any study of the life of Jesus shows clearly that his concern for others was inclusive of all human needs, whether they were physical, moral, or spiritual. With the

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OTHER FAITHS

clear and penetrating discernment, however, Jesus saw and taught that all these concerns come to a sharp focus in the need of men to find the meaning of life in sonship under God, the Heavenly Father. We are all God's children and therefore brothers. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man are central Christian concepts upon which Jesus placed great emphasis. God deals with us as a wise and good father deals with his family. In this relationship, there is the persuasion of truth and love, judgment and punishment for disobedience,and forgiveness and renewal. In His great concern to bring God's love to men and to men into a right and dynamic relationship with God, Jesus saw His own very special and even unique mission. He never sought glory for Himself as an earthly teacher or ruler but He did believe and assert that He was the Good Shepherd which all men need. "I am the good shepherd.... I know my own and my own know me... And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd."

THE ENLARGING CONCERN FOR OTHERS

The first disciples learned to share Jesus' concern for others, and this concern produced Christian missionary movement which began in the first century, and continues today.

There are many illustrations of this enlarging concern recorded in the New Testament. For example, one day Philip, one of Jesus' disciples, met an Ethiopian official, an officer of the Queen. This man was reading from the prophecies of Isaiah but did not understand them. Philip was concerned and undertook to explain their meaning. As a result the Ethiopian was moved to accept. Christ as his Saviour and Lord, and Philip baptized him. On another occasion, Paul and Silas were in Philippi, when they saw a demented slave girl who brought her owners much gain by her soothsaying. These disciples were greatly concerned, as Jesus would have been. Not fearing the opposition that would surely rise against them, they restored the poor girl to her right mind in the Name of Jesus. They were thrown into prison but their Christ-like concern for a person in need left them no alternative. On still another occasion, Paul taught the people of Ephesus that gods made with human hands are ot worthy of worship. A riot ensued and his ife was threatened but Paul was not deterred rom speaking the truth in love, for he shared

he concerns of Jesus.

So we might go on giving illustration after llustration. The disciples learned to share esus' concern for others, and this concern roduced the Christian missionary movement, and still produces it.

I. DEALT WITH OPPOSITION

From the very beginning, the Christian missionary movement met with strong opposition, but it dealt with it in unique ways. Never before had the world seen a movenent grow from person to person on a basis

hat Christianity grew.

ians said it fearlessly.

The followers of Jesus were disliked and ated by many among the Jews. And it is not at all difficult to discover the reason. The hristians went about saying that Jesus was he long expected Messiah and that when at ast He had come, the Pharisees and Sadfucees had connived with the Romans to put lim to death unjustly. That was a hard and ery dangerous thing to say but the Chris-

The followers of Jesus were also disliked and hated by many among Gentiles. Chrisians were outspokenly concerned over pa-

gan idolatry, injustice and immorality. Chrisians were called the "atheists" or the 'godless" because they refused to worship he gods of their neighbors. When Polycarp, he aged Bishop of Smyrna, in the Second Century was led into the arena before a mulitude, demanding his death, the Roman procurator gave him a chance to save his life. 'Renounce Christ and say, 'Away with he atheists' and you may live!" But Poly carp, waving his hand at the howling mulitude in the arena, said, "You are the athests." It took courage to be a Christian in

a real and effective Christian today. It is not easy to live by and for the concerns of esus!

hose days, just as it takes courage to be

Now notice how Christians in that first period of the expansion of Christianity lealt with opposition. In the first place, no matter how strong and terrible the opposiion became, these Christians believed in and practiced only the persuasion of others, never the coercion of others. They upheld every man's right to think and act for himself so long as he did not deny this same ight to others.

Again these first Christians tried to meet opposition and to express Christ's concern

or others by doing justly, loving mercy and valking humbly before God. In a horribly de-

praved world, they taught a new righteousness both by precept and example. And most important of all, they were not afraid to love others, as Jesus had loved others, with vicarious and very costly love. The first disciples learned to share Jesus' concern for others, and this concern produced the Christian missionary movement.

It would be well to be able to say that the spread of Christianity had always and everywhere remained on this high level. Unfortunately that is impossible. After Constantine made it the official religion of the empire coercion became a tragic aspect of the spread of Christianity. Too often the Church exhibited the ways of the world rather than the ways of Christ. Yet even through these very dark and shameful pages of church history, there were always Christians who remembered Christ's concern for others and made that the great concern also of their own lives.

III. THE MODERN MISSIONARY

For the most part, the modern missionary movement of the last 150-years has been a return to the first principles of Christianity, and even where it has failed to express these, there has come again and again the strong light of self-criticism.

For many years, our own Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions has placed before itself and the world this statement of the supreme and controlling aim of foreign

missions:

"To make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all men as their divine Saviour and to persuade them to become His disciples,

"To gather these disciples into Christian churches which shall be self-propagating, self-supporting and self-governing,

"To co-operate, so long as necessary, with these churches in the evangelizing of their countrymen, and in bringing to bear on all human life the spirit and principles of Christ."

Many people do not realize that from the very first the aim of foreign missions has been to bring into existence truly indigenous churches which would be "self-propagating, self supporting and self-governing," This tremendous undertaking is today very largely an accomplished fact. In Japan, Korea, China, India, Egypt, Brazil and many other parts of Asia, Africa and South America, there are fully independent churches. Before our very eyes a great new day has been ushered in - the day of ecumenical Christianity. For this reason we speak less and less of missionaries and more and more of "fraternal workers." These go not to start, nor to direct new churches, but to assist in churches and Christian work already established. They work under native Christian leaders. Moreover, we no longer think of America and England as Christian nations in contrast to "heathen" nations. We know and acknowledge that our ways are often very far from Christian and that we too need the Gospel as do all others. Therefore, we welcome Christian "fraternal workers" as well as send them out. Our Board now employs on its executive staff two able Christians who have come to us from the younger churches.

On Tuesday night this week, we will hear three University of Nebraska students report on the tremendous gathering of young Christians from every part of the world which took place at Athens, Ohio. (17th --Quadrennial Conference of Student volunteer Movement, at Ohio University) It is very difficult for us to realize what a truly revolutionary world this is today, or the part Christians are playing in the revolution. In this fast moving age the concern "Christ for others" is still the concern and the deep underlying motivation back of the Christian outreach. The young Christians at Athens knew and said in no uncertain terms that no Christian can hire another to do his job. Every Christian must share and express Christ's concern for others, --- ALL others.

IV. THE CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE

Only with this historic background is it possible to suggest the nature of the Christian attitude toward other faiths. Like the first Christians we feel that we must share our knowledge of Christ's great concern for others, and we must make our Lord's concern, our concern as well. But in all our teachings and activities, we would only share and persuade; we would never coerce.

It is often said that Christians are egotistical and arrogant, and the charge istoo often true, but surely we are neither when we humbly share our awareness of God's love and concern in Christ for all men. We do not say that there is no truth or light in other religions. Indeed, following the teaching and spirit of the New Testament itself, we contend for just the opposite. We tell of the "light which lighteth every man that com eth into the world" and we say quite frankly with Paul that among all nations and peoples God "hath not left Himself without witness." But just as we welcome the best every man can offer us so we believe that we must share our best and most precious possession, our knowledge of Christ!

It is often charged that we are ignorant, intolerant and destructive of concepts and values which are not our own. Unquestionably this common human failing is too often

true to Christians. But this sin cannot be charged against the Christian missionary movement as such. As a matter of fact, there is a very impressive record of the work of missionaries in preserving and interpreting the cultural and the religious values of the peoples among whom they have lived. One of the most notable efforts of this kind has been the Heritage of India series, which was initiated by a missionary.

However, Christian missionaries have been realistic, as realistic as Paul was in Philippi and Ephesus! They have gone behind the poems of Tagore and the noble passages in the Gita -- something few American students of Oriental culture ever do -- and have gone into the Indian temples. In these buildings with their obscene idols, their vile priests, and their poor little temple prostitutes they have seen the need for Christ's purity and love. And with what result? It is not arrogance nor igotism but only humble gratitude to God for His cleansing power to say that, at lease in part, as a result of Christian sharing and witnessing, great numbers of Indians today are ashamed of gross idolatry, temple prostitutes, caste restrictions, child marriage, and many other things about which missionaries have expressed Christ's concern.

The very same Christian influence has been at work among Muslims.*Today they go to great lengths to explain away those things in Muhammad's life about which the Christians have expressed deep concern. They are no longer proud but ashamed of polygamy and concubinage, of slavery and the harem.

The world is changing very fast and the Christian missionary movement likewise is changing. It has become the Ecumenical Church, represented in all lands, reaching out from all lands and going to all lands in the Name and Spirit of Christ.

In the vast and revolutionary struggle for the minds of men, it was never more important for us to share our best, our knowledge of Christ and His concern for others.

*Muslims. A variety of Moslems.

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LIFE

HERE are as many who die for bad causes as there are for good ones, perhaps more. An old French proverb that asserts, "it is the cause, not the death, that makes the martyr," is a proven truth. The most universally common cause is love. It is the personal experience that everyone knows. More persons have died for the life and honor of their loved ones than for any other cause.

It was for the love of Lucie that Sidney Carton volunteers to die for Charles Darnay. The immortal and fabulous fame of this Charles Dickens novel based upon that love can easily be attributed to the universality of Carton's sacrifice, vicarious and otherwise.

There is a famous singer who had her life saved by a young naval officer. They fell in love and later were married. Theirs was a happy marriage for a time. After a few years they were divorced. He found it easier to die for her than he did to live with her.

Yet it is to LIVE WITH, rather than to DIE FOR that most of us are required to do. Why is it easier to be a martyr than to live faithful to our ideals and purposes? The light that once burned so bright that it could consume all, if need be, now is out of fuel, in the lives of many. Why?

Twilight was the favorite time for Whistler to paint his inimitable portraits. He reasoned that as the sun fades and the world darkens, the needless and confusing details cannot be

seen. The trivial is lost in the darkness and the adequate light reveals the essentialshapes and forms. Life is much like that. We must be able to select the divine instead of the dazzling, the glorious rather than the glaring.

Butler once remarked that life is one long process of getting tired. We all get tired of always fighting for the truths that we believe and are tempted to surrender to the easiest Road. We should in moments like this take a long view of the important and ignore the details. Life is too short to spend time with the finite. We were created for the ETERNAL and we grow tired when we confuse the transient with the TIMELESS. We are sentenced to LIVE, not simply for this life, but for the LIFE TO COME!

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Few will be sentenced to death for his convictions. All are sentenced to live for them. History has proved that the latter is the more difficult of the two. None would deny those who die for the truth the glory that is their consideration for their noble roles. Yet, even in the darkest hours of the persecution of the church, the martyrs were in a minority, NEVER in a majority.

Few of us, therefore, can contemplate death because of a belief. It has been too great, this daily call, to live our faith, for many. All that LIVE their faith do God a greater service than even those who die for it. Few are required to die a quick death of the martyr. For those that live the question is not how long, but HOW WELL!

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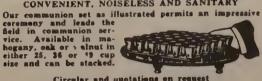
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GETTING LOST

A small three-year-old, missing from his home in one of our western states, was returned to his home unharmed. His explanation for wandering away from the safety of his home and parents was, "I followed a cat!"

How many of us, from teen-agers to old-age, have and are "following cats of many shapes and sizes" in our effort to get away from reality and responsibility. Most of us.

A Yardstick For Life (From page 234)

for the loss would have been eternal.

The meaning of life is measured by one's confidence in his immortality. Would you be patient, happy, useful and bring joy to others and to yourself? Then; be sure that you are reconciled to God and that the yardstick of your life is scaled to everlasting values.

"For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." (Galations 6:8)

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however, lack the simple honesty, and the willingness to confess that we have been, and are following a CAT!

Why not be honest with ourselves and admit that we are "like the 3-year-old, follow ing a cat" that will only lead us up a tree, a telephone pole, a roof, or under a thornbush, -if not into court and house of correction! Wise teen-agers, as well as adults' know that laws are for the help and protection of all citizens, -- including those who go to such great lengths to evade and break them. Let's be as honest with ourselves, as the 3-year-old, and admit "we are following a cat," instead of acting like responsible and privileged citizens of the most highly blest nation in the world.

RAISED ARMS

In mid-October, United Press reports from Milwaukee, Wisc., "that Marvin Trautman, 25, threw his arms over his head, when a ditch in which he was working collapsed, and buried him. The air-pocket created by Mr. Trautman's arms SAVED HIS LIFE, authorities said."

Christians know that the practice of "raising one's arms", one's mind, and the heart and voice, will not only save our lives here in the physical area of life, but will make those lives worthy, according to His plans for each of us, whether we are digging ditches, washing dishes, or preparing sermons; it will also pave the way for the assignment in the life to come.

OVER-ESTIMATE OF PHYSICAL POWER

William H. Dawson Jr., Baltimore, Ohio, reported fined \$10 for disorderly conduct on a village street corner, had boasted to Patrolman Joseph Hudgins: "If you lock me up it will take three policemen."

The magistrate asked later how many officers made the arrest. Patrolman Hudgins. about four inches shorter than the 6-3, 190 pound defendant, replied: "Just one, your honor."

Strength to do the right is seldom lacking, as Patrolman Hudgins demonstrated, in carrying out his duty, in the face of the boastful offender.

PUPILS IN WRONG CLASS

Bangkok police, who raided a Chinese language school in a northern suburb, discovered an illegal mint in the school storeroom, which was making 50-satang coins (worth about two cents each), according to Reuters and the daily press.

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believed the coins were being put into circulation through the school snack bar.

How many of us, parents, teachers, adults—are putting vicious and sinful habits into birculation and practice through our example before children placed in our trust, through the grace of Almighty God? Have you ever meard a young child defend the use of liquor in the home, because "my mother drinks—beer and highballs."

RECENT ALEUTIAN QUAKES EQUAL 10,000 ATOM BOMBS

The 11-day series of earthquakes in the slands has rocked the earth with a force quivalent to 10,000 atom bombs of the type

nat destroyed Hiroshima.

The comparison was drawn today, by the dev. Joseph Lynch, Fordham University eismologist, whose instruments recorded our new quakes from the area in the last 4 hours, reported on March 20, 1957, by IP, via New York.

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